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See more information below on all events

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Upcoming Meetings:

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| Jan. 20 | Commission Meeting (agenda) |
| Jan. 22 | Community Workshop #2 – 2035 Belmont General Plan Update |
| Jan. 19 | Martin Luther King Day – City Hall Offices Closed |
| Jan. 27 | Regular Council Meeting |

Executive Summary

2035 General Plan Update

**2035 General Plan Update**

The various consultants who comprise the project team are working to establish early schedule milestones and accomplish the initial data gathering effort for updating the City's General Plan. Project Task One was completed on schedule and within budget, including the launch of the project website, city-wide newsletter #1, and stakeholder interviews in October, and completion of community workshop #1 in November. Some key upcoming events are listed below:

- Community workshop #2 set for Thursday January 22nd from 6-8 PM at Belmont City Hall, with a second session to be scheduled by first week of February for Carlmont High School students.
- Newsletter #2 plus a mail-in citywide survey scheduled for late February.
- Joint City Council /Planning Commission study session slated for late March.

The overall project schedule targets the Draft General Plan Elements to be prepared for initial public review in July/August 2015. The Draft and Final Environmental Impact Report (DEIR & FEIR) is anticipated to be prepared for public review/hearings during the September/December 2015 time period. The adoption hearings for the General Plan Elements are targeted for the January/March 2016 time period. Additional information on the project, schedule, and reports can be accessed via this link:

[2035 General Plan Update](#)

Belmont Village Specific Plan Status

The Belmont Village Area consists of approximately 80 acres surrounding the Caltrain Station at the intersection of El Camino Real and Ralston Avenue. The Belmont Village Area is generally bounded by Wessex Way, Hiller Street and the City limits on the east, and Sixth Avenue from Broadway to Hill Street and Middle Road on the west.

The City is in the process of creating a Belmont Village (BV) Specific Plan for this key downtown area of Belmont. The BV Specific Plan is anticipated to provide greater detail and direction on zoning regulations, public improvements, design guidelines for new development, historic preservation, and other desired changes for Belmont Village. The BV Specific Plan will also complement the 2035 Belmont General Plan.

As part of this effort, the City has invited qualified consulting firms to submit Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) to prepare the BV Specific Plan and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to a \$550,000 Priority Development Area, Planning Program Grant awarded to the City by C/CAG in May 2014.

Additional information on the Belmont Village Specific Plan can be accessed via this link: [Belmont Village Specific Plan](#)

Belmont Seeks Residents for Commission Openings

The City of Belmont is currently recruiting residents interested in serving on various City Commissions. The deadline to apply is 5:00 P.M. **Friday, February 6th**

The Openings are as follows:

- Three three-year terms on the **Planning Commission** for. The Planning Commission meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. The Commission reviews and takes action on planning applications, and makes recommendations to the City Council on zoning and land use issues. ([click here to download application](#))
- Three two-year terms on the **Parks and Recreation Commission**. The Parks and Recreation Commission meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and makes recommendations to the City Council on matters pertaining to Belmont's Park and Recreation programs, as well as on capital improvements to the City's various parks and open space areas. ([click here to download application](#))
- Two one-year terms for Youth seats on the **Parks and Recreation Commission**, between the ages of 13 and 17 years old. Parent/Guardian consent is mandatory. ([click for Youth Application](#))

Applicants must live in Belmont. Except for a small stipend paid to Planning Commissioners, there is no compensation for these positions.

For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at 650-595-7408, or the Clerk's Office at 650-595-7413.

Library News

The Friends of the Belmont Library are looking for volunteers:

LIBRARY - Monday - Sunday

Every day volunteers sort donation barrel according to date & condition. Hours can vary according to amount of work - (1 - 3 hours)

BOOK NOOK - TWIN PINES PARK - COTTAGE

Nook normally open 4 times a month except in January when it is closed. Regular hours are 2nd Sat. & Sun. and 4th Fri. & Sat. It is also open during Park events - Summer concerts & Holiday Craft Faire. Volunteers work 2 hour shifts - (12 - 2 and 2 - 4) to sell books. Other times volunteers sort and shelve books. Hours can vary according to amount of books.

If you're interested in volunteering or want additional information you can contact the Friends of the Belmont Library at (650) 888-5898



Sewer Division

- Inspected and cleaned 11 sewer pump stations
- The service truck (205) responded to 15 service calls
- Videoed 350 feet of sewer pipe
- Setup Mission Communications Alarms and inputs to be the same at all Sewer Pump Stations
- Assisted with storm line repair on Arbor
- Cleaned flushable wipes from debris catcher in Ralston Ranch Pump Station (*pictured below*)



Ranch Debris catcher - Before 1-9-15



Ralston Ranch Debris catcher - After 1-9-15

- Hand dug trench to replace approximately 13 inches of 6-inch sewer main on Sussex Court (*pictured below*)



Arbor Easement Storm Line Repair

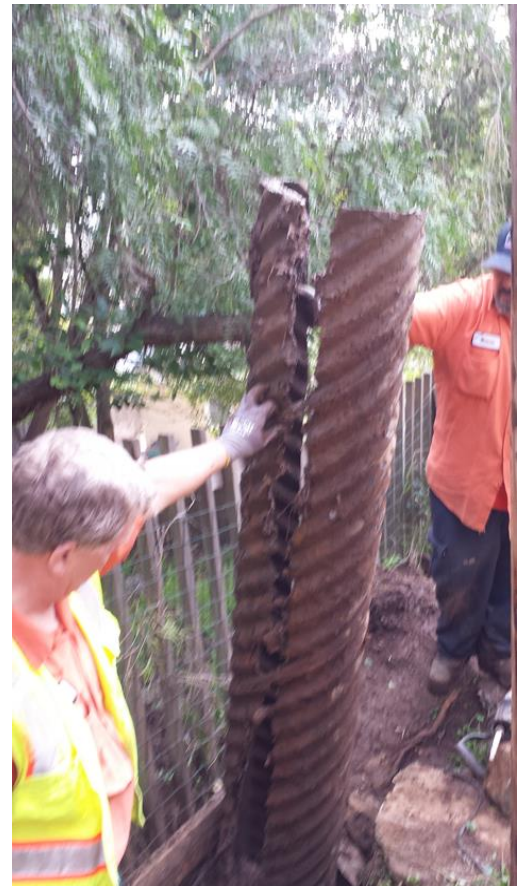
During the December 11th storm, maintenance crew responded to a call for excessive water ponding on a storm drain easement. Staff found an eroded pipe that was clogged with wood, roots, brick and other debris. The storm crew cut out the top portion of pipe and remove the foreign debris in order to lift the pipe. Crew has now completed the replacement of approximately 55-feet of aged and deteriorated corrugated metal pipe, replacing 18 feet of the metal pipe with 12-inch PVC pipe.



Old pipe clogged with foreign debris



Maintenance crew clearing debris





New pipe PVC pipe



New connection

Storm Division

- Performed weekly inspection of Water Dog Lake roadway, dam, v-ditch, and dock
- Removed debris from Water Dog Lake v-ditch at various points along roadway uphill of dam
- Cleared large catch basin on John Brooks Trail, clearing two upstream pipes and 1 downstream pipe in the process
- Cleaned 13 Full Trash Capture Devices
- Swept 110 curb miles resulting in the accumulation of 10.75 tons of debris
- Began replacement of approximately 55 feet of deteriorated corrugated metal pipe, replacing 18 feet of 12 inch corrugated metal pipe with 12 inch PVC pipe
- Cleaned and inspected both Ralston and Harbor Pump Stations



Before-Dirt excavated from John Brooks Trail detention basin



After- John Brooks Trail detention basin cleared

Traffic Operations

- Weekly visual inspections for preventative maintenance of intersections
- Visual inspection of lighted crosswalks
- Ralston banners – two down; two up
- Repaired five streetlights
- Installed new generator run and station power notifications at three pump stations
- Fabricated 11 signs
- Replaced 20 signs – Retro Reflectivity Compliance Project
- Removed graffiti – one location
- Installed new “Neighborhood Watch” sign and one new pole as directed by the Belmont Police Department
- Installed two new signs with poles
- Removed one sign and pole
- Removed knocked down private sign and pole obstructing right of way
- Attended Lead Worker Academy
- Trimmed vegetation to improve sight distance at one location
- Demonstrated aerial bucket truck for school tour

Streets Division

- Marked out 10 Underground Service Alerts
- Removed, reset, and sanded pavers in ten locations in the downtown area to remove trip hazards
- Ground down concrete trip hazards in eight locations in the downtown area
- Sawcut and jackhammered a portion of the sidewalk in front of 840 O'Neill
- Raised two utility boxes level with the sidewalk and poured new concrete to alleviate trip hazard
- Sawcut and jackhammered the sidewalk in four locations on the 900 block of Ralston Avenue
- Poured and finished new concrete in four locations



SAVE THE DATE

4th ANNUAL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 25th
9am-Noon in the Park
One Twin Pines Lane

E-Waste Drop-off

Document Shredding

Compost Giveaway

Book Recycling Drop-off



Environmental booths

Informational Displays

Children's activities,

Giveaway's, fun & more!

Parks and Recreation

Librarians Visit Community Learning Center



We love our partnership with the Belmont Library! Children's Librarians Marsi and Mary Francis had a wonderful visit to the Belmont Community Learning Center. The students got to hear many stories and sing several songs. The children are looking forward to a visit again next month!

Tennis Court Improvements

Belmont residents are staying active on the tennis court! Due to high volume usage, the nets at Alexander and Hallmark Park needed to be replaced. Both tennis courts have been updated with new nets and a post at Alexander has also been replaced.



Fields Ready for Outdoor Sports Season



Parks staff has also been off the court and on the turf to continue to renovate and prepare our sports fields for another year of athletics.

Second Grade Tour of City Hall



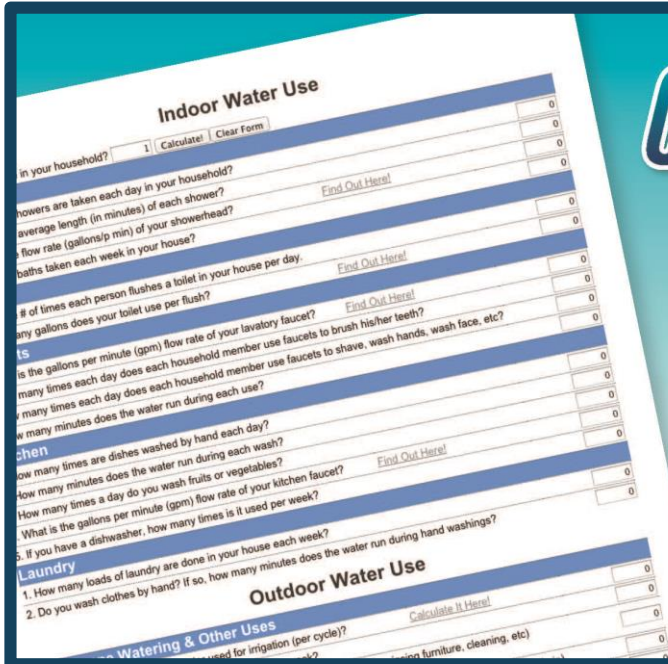
On Tuesday, two second grade classes from Nesbit School visited City Hall. They were introduced to fire and public works apparatus, toured the police department, and participated in a mock city council meeting, led by Vice Mayor Reed.

Second graders have been participating in these tours for several years now as part of their curriculum on community. According to the teachers, this is one of the most popular field trips of the year, and it's an opportunity for them to learn about local government. On Tuesday, as the students were leaving to go back to school, one of them said to City Clerk Terri Cook, "this was really fun." When she asked him what was the best part? He said, jubilantly, "all of it!"




Thanks to City Clerk Terri Cook for organizing the event, and thanks to Vice Mayor Reed as well as fire, public works, and police staff for making this such a meaningful event for these students.

Other Agency Reports



Calculate Your Savings!

Did you know that the Mid-Peninsula Water District offers a free online water use calculator? In just a few minutes, you can calculate your indoor and outdoor household water usage, compare, and get water smart.



www.MidPeninsulaWater.org/calculator



PG&E Bright Minds™ Scholarship program

As you might already know, PG&E recently announced its 4th annual [PG&E Bright Minds™ Scholarship program](#), aimed at assisting certain youth achieve their higher-education goals. Scholarships will be awarded to high school, community college and “non-traditional” students, with rewards ranging from \$2,000 to \$20,000 annually, up to five years.

The deadline for applying for the PG&E Bright Minds Scholarship is **February 9, 2015**. For more information and to apply, visit <https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/pg/e/>. Scholarship recipients will be announced in the spring.

Since 2012, the PG&E Bright Minds™ Scholarship program has awarded nearly \$3 million to students throughout PG&E’s service territory, based on a combined demonstration of community leadership, personal triumph, financial need and academic achievement. All majors are eligible, with preference given to students majoring in engineering. Eligibility requirements include planned 2015-2016 enrollment in a full-time undergraduate program at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school for the duration of the 2015-2016 academic year.

Community Calendars

Twin Pines Community Center

| Twin Pines Senior & Community Center ~ January 2015 ~ | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|--|
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Center Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4pm | | | 1 Center Closed | 2 Center Closed |
| 5 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 9:30 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 1:00 Book Club 1:00 Beat Arthritis (R) 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video | 6 9:00 Mindful Meditation 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:15 Classic Movie 12:30 Needlecrafts Group 2:00 Andrea's Aztec Hot Chocolate & Kings Cake | 7 8:45 Strength Training 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 10:00 Computer Tutor 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold (R) 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts | 8 9:00 Garden Club 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Canasta 11:00 Beat Arthritis (R) 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Art Group 2:00 History Group | 9 9:30 Yoga w/ Adriana 11:00 Mandarin Conversation 1:00 Go 4 Life Fitness Video 1:00 *BINGO |
| 12 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 9:30 Italian Chat 10:00 Ukulele Sing Along 10:00 Spanish Chat 1:00 Beat Arthritis (R) 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video | 13 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 10:00 English Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:15 Foreign Film 12:30 Needlecrafts Group 12:30 Pedro Card Game | 14 8:45 Strength Training 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 10:00 Computer Tutor 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold (R) 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts | 15 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Canasta 11:00 Beat Arthritis (R) 11:30 Birthday Lunch (S) 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Art Group 2:00 History Group | 16 9:30 Yoga w/ Adriana 11:00 Mandarin Conversation 1:00 BINGO 1:00 Go 4 Life Fitness Video |
| 19 Center Closed for Dr. Martin Luther King Day  | 20 8:30 Blood Pressure Clinic 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 10:00 Senior Club Meeting 10:00 Matter of Balance 10:00 English Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:15 Classic Movie 12:30 Needlecrafts Group | 21 8:45 Strength Training 9:00 Diabetes Screening 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 10:00 Computer Tutor 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold (R) 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts 2:30 Stories from the Road (S) | 22 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Canasta 11:00 Beat Arthritis (R) 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Art Group 2:00 History Group | 23 9:30 CHP Seminar 9:30 Yoga w/ Adriana 11:00 Mandarin Conversation 1:00 Go 4 Life Fitness Video 1:00 End of Life Planning (S) 1:30 Ping Pong! 1:30 Mahjong |
| 26 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 9:30 Italian Chat 10:00 Opinion Exchange w/ Jim Dunbar 10:00 Stamp Collectors 1:00 Beat Arthritis (R) 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video | 27 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 10:00 English Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:15 Foreign Film 12:30 Needlecrafts Group 1:00 Pain Management Workshop 1:00 Movement & Memory 3:00 Senior Advisory Meeting | 28 8:45 Strength Training 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 10:00 Computer Tutor 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold (R) 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts 2:30 Stories from the Road (S) | 29 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Canasta 11:00 Beat Arthritis (R) 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Art Group 2:00 History Group | 30 9:30 Yoga w/ Adriana 11:00 Mandarin Conversation 1:00 Go 4 Life Fitness Video 1:30 Ping Pong! 1:00 Raspberry Pi 2:00 Futurists 3:00 Writing Workshop |

**Some activities are drop-in, some require Signing up (S), some require Registration with Parks & Recreation (R)*






**Activities are subject to change. Please call 595-7444 to confirm.*

Belmont Public Library

January 2015

At the Belmont Library

 <http://www.facebook.com/smcblbelmont>

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|---|
| KEY Red: Children's/Family Green: Teen Black: Adult Blue: All Ages | |  A SAN MATEO COUNTY LIBRARY 1110 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont CA 94002 • 650.591.8286 • www.smcbl.org | | LIBRARY CLOSED  | | |
| 4 * 11:00a Imagination Playground | 5 * 10:30a Baby Storytime * 3:30p Lego Club * 3:30p Teen Movie: Guardians of the Galaxy | 6 * 10:30a Musical Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 3:30p Kids' Craft Club * 7:00p Lawyers in the Lib. | 7 * 10:30a Computer Class: Computer Basics * 3:30p Teen Gaming * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club * 7:00p Pajama Storytime * 7:00p 1st Wed. Bk Grp - The Ocean at the End of the Lane by Neil Gaiman | 8 * 10:30a Toddler ST * 2:00p Mystery Bk Grp: The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler * 3:30p Imagination Playground | 9 * 10:30a Pres. ST * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 11:15a Russian ST * 4:00p Science Club * 7:00p Carlmont Improv Showcase | 10 * 2:00p Charles the Clown  |
| 11 | 12 * 10:30a Baby Storytime * 3:30p Lego Club * 3:30p Healthy Teen Cooking Class | 13 * 10:30a Musical Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 3:30p Kids' Craft Club | 14 * 10:30a Computer Coach * 3:30p Teen Gaming * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club * 7:00p Pajama Storytime | 15 * 10:30a Toddler ST * 3:30p Imagination Playground * 4:00p Dig It Video Wkshp - Story | 16 * 10:30a Pres. Storytime * 11:15a Russian ST * 4:00p Science Club * 7:00p Adult Film: Shall We Dance (1996) | 17 * 10:30a Family ST * 11:00a Block Party BLOCK PARTY |
| 18 | 19 LIBRARY CLOSED  | 20 * 10:30a Musical Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 3:30p Kids' Craft Club * 6:30p Paws for Tales | 21 * 10:30a Computer Class: Microsoft Word * 3:30p Teen Gaming * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club * 7:00p Pajama Storytime | 22 * 10:30a Toddler ST * 3:30p Imagination Playground * 3:30p TAG Meeting * 4:00p Dig It Video Wkshp Filming | 23 * 10:30a Pres. ST * 11:15a Russian ST * 4:00p Science Club | 24 * 10:30a Ukulele ST * 11:00a Imagination Playground |
| 25 * 3:00p Winter Concert  | 26 * 10:30a Baby Sign Lang. * 12:00p Senior Health Talk * 3:30p Lego Club * 3:30p Walking Dead Party * 6:30p Pub Trivia Night | 27 * 10:30a Musical Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 3:30p Kids' Craft Club | 28 * 10:30a Computer Coach * 3:30p Teen Gaming * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club * 7:00p Pajama Storytime * 7:00p Online Job Searching | 29 * 10:30a Toddler ST * 3:30p Imagination Playground * 3:30p Teen Bk Club: A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry * 4:00p Dig It Video Wkshp-Editing | 30 * 10:30a Pres. ST * 11:15a Russian ST * 4:00p Science Club | 31 |